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Island Insight

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ASC Begins New Diversity, Inclusion Plan

Executive Order 13583 was signed in 2011 to encourage a coordinated government-wide effort to promote diversity and inclusion in the federal workforce. For many U.S. Army Sustainment Command personnel, the order is not just another policy initiative -- it is an opportunity. Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell, commanding general, ASC, recently signed the "Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan," a new ASC initiative designed to further the command's efforts to improve diversity and inclusion in the workplace. "We cannot fulfill our mission without the thousands of civilian employees who come to work every day and make the innovations, the improvements, and the breakthroughs the U.S. Army needs," he said in a memo to the workforce. "Simply put, we need diversity and inclusion to maintain our competitive edge, and to keep our nation stronger and safer." Gayla Pacheco, equal employment opportunity chief, ASC, said she hopes the initiative will spark a more open, inclusive conversation about diversity that will foster camaraderie and increase morale. ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 16:** African American/Black History Month Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1-2 p.m.
- Feb. 17:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Donor Bus, in front of Bldg. 350, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Feb. 17:** RIAWC Wine and Chocolate Luncheon, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Feb. 19:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock and Dam Lounge, Bldg. 60, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Feb. 21-27:** National Engineers Week
- Feb. 22-26:** DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, B11, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Feb. 22-26:** Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program Workshop, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 122, 8 a.m.
- Feb. 22-26:** Military Saves Week
- Feb. 22-27:** Military Saves Week, Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, SE Corner
- Feb. 23:** Military Spouse Night, ACS/USO, Bldg. 110, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 24:** Military Saves Campaign Free Lunch and Learn, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 25:** Newcomer's Orientation and Tour, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m.
- Feb. 25:** Council of Colonels, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, Veranda, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 25:** MVRBC Blood Drive, Cafeteria, Bldg. 211, 2:15 a.m.
- Feb. 27:** Parents vs. Kids Dodgeball & Potluck, Bldg. 150, 5-8 p.m.
- Feb. 28-March 5:** Illinois Severe Weather Preparedness Week
- Feb. 29-March 3:** SFL-TAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Floor, Rm. 122

New Legislation Aimed At Helping the Rock Island Arsenal

The Rock Island Arsenal's factory would gain critical flexibility to vary its labor rates under legislation that lawmakers introduced in the U.S. Senate on Tuesday. Backers of the legislation say it would help the Arsenal compete with the private sector for work. U.S. Sens. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., Dick Durbin, D-Ill., Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, and Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, introduced the bill. The legislation, called the Army Arsenal Revitalization Act, would create a three-year pilot project to allow the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center to adjust its labor rates throughout the year. Currently, labor rates are set for the entire year and can be an obstacle in competing with private industry. The Quad-City congressional delegation has provided funding to help bring those rates down, but maintaining fixed rates throughout the year still is an impediment. ([More](#))



Obama Bequeaths Praise Legacy, But Little Money, To Feds in His Final Budget

In the last budget proposal of Barack Obama's presidency, he bequeathed his workforce strong words of praise, even if he couldn't leave them much money. The "Strengthening the Federal Workforce" section of the budget released Tuesday contains a paean to federal employees, lauding them for making administration policies a success. "In 2015 alone, Federal employees addressed a wide range of national priorities – including modernizing the military by opening all combat positions to women, negotiating complex trade and political treaties and determining a way to rate college's return on investment," the budget document says. "Thanks in part to the efforts of Federal employees, the Nation's economy and fiscal outlook continued to improve in 2015, with unemployment falling to 5 percent and annual deficits continuing a historic decline." ([More](#))



Lawmaker Pushes for 5.3 Percent Pay Raise

President Obama proposed in his fiscal 2017 budget to give federal employees their largest pay raise since 2010, but some lawmakers have said it is still not nearly enough. Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., will soon introduce a bill to give federal employees an across-the-board salary bump of 5.3 percent. The Federal Adjustment of Incomes Rate (FAIR) Act would more than triple the proposed 1.6 percent raise issued by the White House. Connolly in 2015 sponsored another version of the FAIR Act, which would have given federal workers a 3.8 percent raise in 2016. He introduced that bill in response to Obama's proposed 1.3 percent increase, which was ultimately implemented. ([More](#))



Lunch Live Action Stations at Bldg. 350 & 60

Looking for something different for lunch? Come join our chefs 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday in Bldg. 350, 6th Floor Cafe and every Wednesday in the Bldg. 60 Food Court for a live action station! The menus and prices will vary. Come check us out! ([Bldg. 350 Flyer](#)) ([Bldg. 60 Flyer](#))

Change to Hours at Rock Island Arsenal Museum

Effective **Monday, Feb. 15**, the hours of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum will change – the museum will be open to the public Tuesday - Friday, Noon to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed weekends, Mondays, federal holidays, the day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. The change to hours comes as a result of Army wide changes in manpower and force structure. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is the Army's second oldest museum. It first opened to the public on July 4, 1905. The primary mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island. By focusing on "People, Processes, and Products," the exhibits tell the story of the people involved in Arsenal Island's history, the manufacturing processes used at Rock Island Arsenal, and the military equipment that was produced at Rock Island Arsenal. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is nationally recognized for its large and impressive small arms collection. More than 1,200 U.S., foreign, civilian, and military small arms are on permanent display.

Time to File Your Taxes

Income tax filing season is here, and Rock Island Arsenal operates a free tax assistance center. The tax center serves members of the RIA community eligible for legal assistance services - primarily active duty service members, military retirees and family members. In a change from recent years, an appointment is required and there is no "drop-off" service. Appointments are available weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Jan. 25 through April 18**. Most appointments last about an hour with more complex returns taking longer. In accordance with IRS guidelines, the tax center may prepare and submit most - but not all - federal and state income tax returns. For example, the tax center cannot prepare returns for a home-based business. If you expect your return to be complex, please discuss it with your tax preparer when you call to make an appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 782-8457/1709. Please bring the following to your appointment: a photo ID; your social security card (or official SSA correspondence with your SSN on it); documents showing income of any type (W-2s, 1099s, etc.); documents to support deductions/credits; copy of last year's return; direct deposit information; and dependents' birth dates.



2016 Election Season Is Upon Us

Whether you are a Soldier or family member far from home, or a local resident of Illinois or Iowa, the Rock Island Voting Assistance Office can help with voter registration, absentee ballot requests and finding local polling locations. Stop by the 3rd Floor of Bldg. 56, or call 309-782-8780, for all your voting needs. The Illinois Primary Election is scheduled for **March 15**, and will be held at regular polling locations. As an open primary, voters may request to vote for a presidential candidate in any party. If you are not registered to vote 28 days prior to the election, special registration and voting procedures will apply under the state's "grace period" rule, so visit the Rock Island County election website for more information <http://rockislandcounty.org/Elections/Home>. Service members and dependents can visit www.fvap.gov for further information on their voting rights, and to access online voter registration and absentee ballot request forms. Iowa residents can now register online, using the state's new website <https://mymvd.iowadot.gov/VoterRegistration>, while Illinois residents can visit <https://ova.elections.il.gov>. ([DoD Election 2016 Special Report](#))



Historic Clock Tower Building and Eagle Watch Tours

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District's Mississippi River Visitor Center at Locks and Dam 15 on Arsenal Island is offering free eagle watches and Clock Tower Building tours select weekends in **February** at 9:30-11 a.m. and 12-1:30 p.m. The tours will last approximately 1½ hours and will be guided by a Corps Park Ranger. Learn about the Historic Clock Tower Building as you climb the stairs to the top. Waiting there is a spectacular view of the Mississippi River where you will have the opportunity to see Bald Eagles who visit the area during the cold winter months. The tours will begin at the Mississippi River Visitor Center, located on the western end of Arsenal Island at Locks and Dam 15. You must check in with the ranger staff upstairs in the Visitor Center when you arrive for the tour. The tour is outside for a short duration of time so plan and dress accordingly; good walking shoes are also recommended as the tour will involve walking up 12 flights of stairs at a moderate pace. The tours are free of charge and everyone is invited to attend. An adult must accompany children younger than 12 years of age. Space is limited and reservations are required by calling 309-794-5338. Visit <http://go.usa.gov/c9AZF> for more information.



Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 211) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



Corps of Engineers Blood Drive: The Rock Island District, Corps of Engineers will host a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Thursday, March 23**. The drive will be held in the Clock Tower Building Annex, Bldg. 217, in Conf. Rm. ABC. To donate, please contact 309-794-4200 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 030 to locate the drive. Vista Technical Services Blood Drive: Vista will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Wednesday, Feb. 17**. The drive will be held on the MVRBC Blood Donor Bus, parked in front of Bldg. 350. To donate, please contact Paula Johnson at 309-782-0562 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1841 to locate the drive. Marine General Support Maintenance Company Blood Drive: Marine General Support Maintenance Company will host a community blood drive from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on **Saturday, March 5**, at Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island, Bldg. 218, in conjunction with their weekend drill. The drive will be held on the drill deck. To donate, please contact First Sgt. Andrew Suthers at 309-782-6044, ext. 301, or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 368 to locate the drive. Walk in donors will be welcome. **The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).**

VIOS Schedule for February & March

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26**, as well as **March 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 90, Basement, Room B11). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

Wounded Warrior J.R. Martinez to Speak in the Quad Cities

Vera French Community Mental Health Center will be having several educational events the week of **Feb. 15-20** to increase community awareness of the challenges of mental illness and the need for community support for the services provided by the Vera French Community Mental Health Center. This year they have the honor of presenting wounded U.S. Army veteran, J.R. Martinez as their signature inspirational speaker on Saturday, **Feb. 20**, at 7 p.m., at the Bettendorf High School Performing Arts Center. J.R. Martinez was wounded in Karbala, Iraq, April 5, 2003, by a roadside bomb that burned more than 34 percent of his body. ([More](#))

Marine Corps JROTC Trivia Night

A trivia night event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall (Upper Level) at 1111 West 35th Street in Davenport on **Feb. 20** at 6 p.m. to benefit the Davenport North High School Marine Corps JROTC. Doors open at 6 p.m., trivia begins at 7 p.m. \$10 per person/\$80 per table (teams of eight preferred – pay at the door) limited amount of tables-please make reservations early. For reservations and information please contact Greg Hingtgen at 563-370-5199 or email dnjrotctrivia@hotmail.com. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place, 50/50 raffles & more.

Executive Resilience and Performance Course

The dates and times for the upcoming Executive Resilience and Performance Course, which will be conducted by HQ-DA Resiliency Team, are out. This training is open to all Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and Family members. Attendance at this course meets the DA directed annual training (28 hours) requirement for all Soldiers. Maximum participation is requested. This course has been uploaded in [TEDs](#) and is available for sign up with the KEYWORD: Executive Resilience. This executive level resiliency course will be conducted over a two-day period and will take place here on Rock Island Arsenal in Bldg. 60 in Heritage Hall. The first day is **Tuesday, March 29** (two sessions) which is open to all military and civilian employees regardless of rank/grade. • **March 29, 7:30-11:30 a.m.**; • **March 29, 12:30-4:30 p.m.** The second day is **Wednesday, March 30** and is reserved for GO/SES, COL/LTC, GS15/14, CW5/CW4, CSM/SGM/1SG/MSG; **March 30, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** and 1-2 p.m. (an hour break for lunch and then return for the final hour of the course). POC: [Master Sgt. Touissant Lancina](#), 309-782-1943.



2016 Community Support Application

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club community support chairperson is accepting funding requests from local nonprofit organizations until **Thursday, March 31**. Money for the Community Support Fund is raised through club activities such as the Arsenal Attic and other fundraisers. All nonprofit organizations are welcome to apply applicants must show how grant will benefit service members and families. Additional sheets are allowed for information that does not fit on this form. Only one specific purpose should be listed per form additional forms are available at <https://sites.google.com/site/rockislandarsenalwelcomeclub>. This completed form should be mailed to the below address and postmarked no later than **Thursday, March 31**. Organizations selected for funding will be notified late **April 2016**.

American Legion Fish Fry

The American Legion Post 569 is hosting a Fish Fry every Friday between **Feb. 5 and March 25**, 5-8 p.m. They are located at 515 W. 1st Ave., in Milan. The menu includes catfish, Pollock, shrimp, frog legs, chicken strips, pork tenderloins, and side orders. Children's menu and carryouts will also be available.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service

Mark your calendars -- Vietnam Veterans of America, Quad Cities Chapter 299 will be conducting a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service on **Sunday, March 27**, at 11 a.m., at Memorial Park.

Mass Transportation Benefit Program

The Mass Transportation Benefit Program provides a subsidy for mass transit commuting costs in order to reduce traffic and pollution, as well as provide commuting alternatives. The benefit is a non-taxable personnel benefit, centrally funded by HQDA; there is no cost to the local installation or agency. Who is eligible to participate? All Army active component military service members; Army Reserve component military service members (Army Reserve and Army National Guard) who are currently on active duty; DA federal civilian employees, including part-time federal employees and interns; DA Non-Appropriated Fund personnel. [Find more information and the application here](#). Send application or questions to the local POC: kyle.e.roeser.civ@mail.mil

Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Parade

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 776, 669 and 299, VFW 828, and MAVA Chapter Hero Street are sponsoring the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Parade taking place **Saturday, May 21**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The start of the parade will be in the city of Rock Island and will end in the city of Davenport at Veterans Memorial Park.

RIAWC Golf Tournament

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is proud to partner with the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium to host this 2016 charity golf outing on **Tuesday, May 24**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course; an event open to all who want to have fun and support RIAWC. Registration is 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The banquet dinner is 6-8 p.m. in the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. Cost is \$125 a player. Registration includes green fees, cart, range balls, drink coupons, lunch, and dinner. Registration is open until all teams have been filled. Non-players can register for "dinner only" for \$25. The golf tournament format is a 4-man scramble (best ball). There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers along with prizes for designated holes. To register for golf, or RSVP for the "dinner only," please contact Wendy Truckenbrod at 563-726-

9567 or at riawcfundraiser@yahoo.com. Note: If you're interested in sponsoring or donating to this event, please contact Wendy.

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd Ave., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*



Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.



Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone

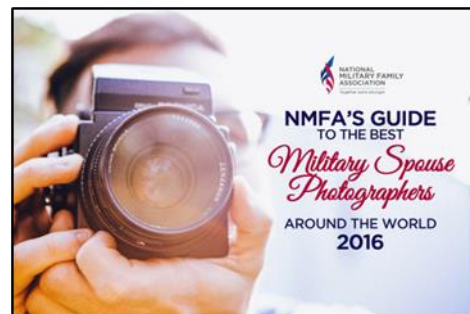


GI Bill Transfer Rules Unchanged, Housing Allowance Cut

An eleventh-hour change to Department of Veterans Affairs legislation scrapped a plan by lawmakers to increase the service obligation required for troops who wish to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their spouses or children. The bill, which was passed by the House yesterday, originally included a provision requiring troops to serve 10 years on active duty plus a two-year service obligation to qualify for the transfer benefit. Instead, lawmakers opted to keep the requirement at the current six years of service, plus a four-year service obligation. A plan to slash in half the housing allowance for military dependents using the transferred benefit remained in the bill and was approved as part of the vote. A similar version of the legislation will be considered by the Senate before heading to the president's desk for approval before it becomes law. The provisions, part of the Veterans Employment, Education and Healthcare Act, halved only the payment for children of service members using the transferred funding -- not spouses. The congressionally mandated Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission last year recommended eliminating the entire housing payout for both groups. ([More](#))

Meet the Best Military Spouse Photographers of 2016

Last year, NMFA ran a promotion hoping to pair up fabulous military spouse photographers with families who deserved some family photos to cherish. These photographers volunteered to share their time and talents, and were eager to send us the best shots from their photo sessions. Here at NMFA, we are proud to support military spouses as they chase their dreams. This contest gave us an opportunity to celebrate the talent found within our communities, and we hope next time you need a photographer, you check this list to hire a military spouse in your area. ([More](#))



Military Spouse Fun Night

Military spouses are invited to join us **Tuesday, Feb. 23**, 6-8 p.m., ACS/USO (Bldg. 110), on the last Tuesday of each month for a chance to meet other spouses in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Activities include craft nights, games, trivia, and other fun activities providing an opportunity to relax and have fun. For more information contact Jan Saito at Army Community Service at 309-782-4736/0829 or janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#))

Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
IS ARMY STRONG**



Protect Your Hands from Hazards

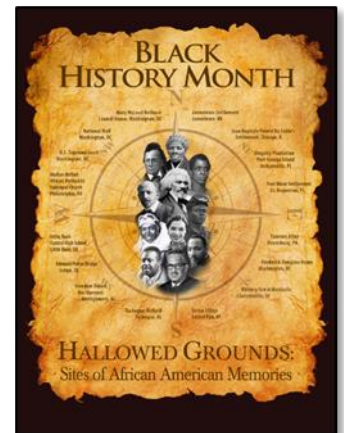
People probably take their hands for granted until they have an injury. Then they will know just how difficult life can be without the full use of their hands. In the workplace there are many hazards to people's hand safety: Equipment that cuts and crushes materials can also mangle hands; There are rough surfaces which can scrape the skin; Hot and cold materials can cause thermal burns; Chemicals can corrode the skin or enter the body through the skin and cause poisoning; Infectious materials can cause disease; Electrical current which contacts the skin can cause fatal shocks; and other types of hand injuries are caused over a period of time -- by impact, strain or vibration. Many styles of glove are available for different jobs. To protect yourself against hand hazards, it is important to select the right kind of personal protective equipment such as gloves. Ask your safety supervisor for guidance in choosing and fitting gloves. ([More](#))

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



RIA African American/Black History Month Observance

Army Sustainment Command EEO will host a African American/Black History Month Observance on **Tuesday, Feb. 16**, 1-2 p.m. in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The guest speaker for the event will be Lametta Wynn, the first African American mayor of Clinton, Iowa. The Presidential proclamation for Black History Month in 2016 reads: "Our responsibility as citizens is to address the inequalities and injustices that linger, and we must secure our birthright freedoms for all people. As we mark the 40th year of National African American History Month, let us reflect on the sacrifices and contributions made by generations of African Americans, and let us resolve to continue our march toward a day when every person knows the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." For additional information or accommodations please contact Sgt. First Class Jose Vazquez, First Army, EOA, 309-782-9761; or Sgt. First Class Marion Wilson, ASC, EOA, 309-782-3021.



Senior Leaders Message: African-American History Month

Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African-American Memories

During National African-American History Month, the Army pays tribute to the contributions of past and present generations of African Americans and reaffirms our commitment to keeping the American dream alive for every citizen. This year as we recognize Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African-American Memories, we reflect upon significant places where African-American history was made, particularly those places which are an important part of our Army's own history... The United States Army celebrates the important contributions African-American Soldiers and Civilians

have made and continue to make in the building of our great Nation. Their stories represent the qualities of resilience and perseverance. The many historic sites across America made famous by the actions of African Americans help chronicle those generations who fought for an America that truly reflects the ideals enshrined in our founding documents. During National African-American History Month, we encourage all Soldiers, Civilians, Veterans, and Family members to become more familiar with these historic landmarks where African American history was made. Let us celebrate the rich legacy of African Americans and honor their notable contributions that help make our Army what it is today-a place where people from all walks of life stand proudly together in service to our Nation. Army Strong! ([More](#))

Mark Your Calendars

On **Tuesday, May 3**, First Army EEO will host a Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance from 1-2 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Felix Weil, a survivor of the Holocaust.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs.

MWR Text Alerts

Grab your mobile phone and text **EZZHV32984 4** to the number **313131** to join our text list and have all the latest and greatest MWR news delivered right to your phone. We'll keep you up to date with all the fun and exciting upcoming MWR events and programs as well as coupons and special offers available only to text alert subscribers. Message and data rates may apply and you can opt out at any time by replying "**stop**" to **313131**. Check out the flyer for a quick and easy QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to automatically generate the message for you. ([Flyer](#))



Paintless Dent Repair Service Available

The always popular paintless dent repair technician will be available at the Auto Skills Shop for repairs on **Wednesday, Feb. 17**. If you have small dings, dents and other imperfections in your vehicle it may be possible to have them fixed without the excessive costs of more traditional body work. Call 309-782-8631 for more information and to schedule an appointment. ([Flyer](#))

Lunch Service at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse

Has it been a while since you've had lunch at the Golf Clubhouse? If so come back Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and give it another try because we've got some exciting new options that are sure to fit your appetite and schedule. Try the daily soup, salad and sandwich buffet featuring a delicious house made soup du jour and fresh baked breads for just \$9/person. ([menu is available here](#)) ([daily buffet items here](#))

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Outdoor Recreation Ski Gear

Come check out the great new downhill ski gear at Outdoor Recreation. These skis and other winter equipment are available for you to checkout at a great savings. There is a lot of winter left, get out and enjoy it. For more information, phone Outdoor Recreation at 309-782-8630.

Chicago's Shining Star: An Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute

Shining Star is a group from Chicago that pays tribute to the greatest band ever Earth, Wind, & Fire. Eleven highly talented vocalists and musicians harmoniously join forces to present a Tribute to Earth, Wind and Fire. Leisure Travel has limited discounted tickets, \$25 each until **Friday, Feb. 26**.

Event Date: **Sunday, Feb. 28**

Event Time: **6 p.m.**

WWE Returns to the Quad Cities Road to Wrestlemania

See your favorite WWE superstars Sunday, **March 6**, at 1 p.m., including: John Cena, Alberto Del Rio, Bray Wyatt, Kane, Dudley Boyz, The Wyatt Family, The Divas and many more (card subject to change). Leisure Travel has tickets on sale until **March 2**. Section B row 1 seats 1-8, Row 2 seats 6-12 \$111; Section 113 Row 3 & 4 seats 3-12 \$69.50; and Section 113 row 8 seats 3-11 row 16 seats 1-16 \$56.

Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage Concert Tour 2016

This lavish production includes an impressive live symphony orchestra and international special solo instruments. People of all ages and backgrounds will experience the franchise's groundbreaking and wildly popular musical achievements while the most iconic Star Trek film and TV footage is simultaneously beamed in high definition to a 40-foot wide screen. The concert will feature some of the greatest music written for the franchise including music from Star Trek: The Original Series, Star Trek: The Motion Picture, Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek: Insurrection, Star Trek: The Next Generation, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, Star Trek: Voyager and much more. This never-before-seen concert event is perfect for music lovers, filmgoers, science-fiction fans and anyone looking for an exciting and unique concert experience. MWR Leisure Travel has discounted seats on sale now. Stop by the office located in Bldg. 333 or call 309-782-5890.

Date: **Friday, March 22**

Time: **7 p.m.**

Shear Madness

Quad City Premiere – America's favorite comedy whodunit delights audiences with its unique blend of madcap improvisation and spine-tickling mystery **April 9** at 5:45 p.m. Shear Madness takes place in a hairstyling salon and is chock full of up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor. During the course of the action, a murder is committed and the audience gets to spot the clues, question the

suspects, and solve the funniest mystery. The outcome is never the same, which is why many audience members return again and again to the scene of the mayhem. This is the longest running comedy in history. It has played for more than 30 consecutive years in Boston and 26 years at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. Leisure Travel has discounted seats available until **March 26**.

MWR Inaugural Pirate and Princess Family Event

This inaugural Pirate and Princess Family Event, will take place Saturday, **April 16**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will be serving lunch (chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, fruit cocktail and a cookie) prepared by the Arsenal Clubhouse. Activities to include: craft table, coloring table, two separate picture taking areas, and a movie with popcorn and juice box. Cost is \$20 for one adult/one child. Each additional person is \$8. RSVP with payment no later than **April 8** to 309-782-5890.

Child, Youth & School Services



Rock Island Arsenal Family Child Care Informational Meeting

The Rock Island Arsenal Family Child Care Program is holding an informational meeting on **Tuesday, Feb. 23**, at the Bettendorf Library, for Iowa and Illinois childcare providers who are interested in becoming an Army certified in-home caregiver. The meeting is 6-7:30 p.m., at the Bettendorf Library, located at 2950 Learning Campus Drive, and will be in the Kelinson room on the 2nd floor. Please call 309-782-0813 for more information or to sign up. Discussion will include the training and background check process and Army certification levels. The program is open to both Iowa and Illinois providers in the Quad City area. Information will also be available for those who are interested in getting funding support to achieve their Child Development Associate or National Accreditation.



Parents vs. Kids Dodgeball & Potluck

Parents and kids get ready to dive, duck and dodge your way to ultimate victory in our annual Parents vs. Kids Dodgeball tournament on **Saturday, Feb. 27**, 5-8 p.m., in Bldg. 150. Please RSVP to 309-782-5019 or timothy.c.hernandez2.naf@mail.mil and please plan to bring a dish to share for the potluck. ([Flyer](#))

Army Community Service



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; [Visit our ACS website](#) or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: **309-229-8412**.

Military Saves Lunch & Learn

Military personnel and spouses are invited to this free seminar **Wednesday, Feb. 24**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Arsenal Island Clubhouse that will give you some great tips on personal financial

management. Set a Goal, Make a Plan, and Save Automatically. Please RSVP by **Friday, Feb. 19** by calling 309-782-0829 or usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acs@mail.mil ([Flyer](#))

Newcomers Orientation & Bus Tour

Are you new to the Arsenal or do you have new employees or service members in your office? Make sure to get them/yourself signed up for our next Newcomer's Orientation and Tour **Thursday, Feb. 25**, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse. The briefings and info on the tour will include everything a new employee needs to know to successfully transition to the Rock Island Arsenal and the surrounding Quad Cities and make their new home feel like home. This free service includes breakfast & lunch courtesy of our sponsors, Rock Island Arsenal Federal Credit Union & USAA. Space is limited so call 309-782-0829 for more info and to reserve your spots. ([Flyer](#))

Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here](#). [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

Children of Alcoholics Week – Feb. 14 to 20

An estimated 25 percent of all children in the United States, approximately 27.8 million children, are affected by or exposed to a family alcohol problem. SAMHSA supports the National Association for Children of Alcoholics during its Children of Alcoholics Week. COA Week celebrates the recovery of the many thousands of children (of all ages) who have received the help they needed to recover from the pain and losses suffered in their childhood, and it offers hope to those still suffering from the adverse impact of parental alcohol and drug addiction. Children of alcoholics are at an increased risk of a range of problems, including physical illness, emotional disturbances, behavior problems, lower educational performance, and susceptibility of alcoholism or other addiction later in life, according to NACoA. During COA Week, we acknowledge the millions of children affected by a parent's substance use disorder and celebrate that there is hope and healing for these children now and throughout their lives. This week – and throughout the year – remember to ask, "What about the children?" when speaking about recovery from substance use disorders.



National Eating Disorders Awareness Week – February 2016

We've all seen the ads, if only you had this diet pill, exercise device, or meal plan you would feel attractive and happy. It can be tempting to think that changing your weight can solve the problems in your life. However, for the millions of people who struggle with eating disorders each year, their initial diet or weight loss "tricks" spiral out of control into a mess of isolating rituals, despair, and medical complications. Organizations across the U.S. are working to raise awareness of eating disorders during National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, **Feb. 21- 27**. The Rock Island

Arsenal Employee Assistance Program wants you to know that eating disorders are treatable and you can feel better. EAP can provide confidential short-term counseling services by master's level counselors to you and your dependent family members. The EAP is located in Bldg. 56, Room 104. Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Call 309-782-4357 to schedule an appointment. Learn more about eating disorders at <http://nedawareness.org>. You can also access an anonymous mental health screening at www.militarymentalhealth.org.

Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. [Please visit our website to learn more.](#)

Virtual Job Fair

Disabled American Veterans has teamed up with Veterans Recruiting to host a Virtual Career Fair, **Thursday, Feb. 18**, 12-2 p.m. This event is a part of the "10K - DAV Hiring Challenge" that features multiple employers seeking to employ at least 10,000 veterans nationwide with disabilities. From the comfort of your office or home, you can chat with recruiters, view and apply for jobs, and explore a wide range of companies nationwide. [This event is open to all veterans who have a disability rating here](#). Additionally, Rock Island Arsenal's Army Community Services, provides Advanced Résumé Classes on the 1st Friday of each month and if you would like individual résumé or interview training prior to participating in this or future job fairs and you are an active duty or retired service member or eligible family member, you may contact Chris Gegenheimer, Army Community Services, at 309-782-0815, or email christopher.j.gegenheimer.civ@mail.mil. Any general questions about the Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) can be directed to Shelly-Ann Mimms, 309-782-5711 or Lafayette Ausborn, 309-782-4799, or usarmy.ria.usag.mbx.hrm-tsm@mail.mil. Don't let this great opportunity pass you by.



Home Base Iowa Virtual Career Fair

We understand the value that military personnel and their families bring to the workforce – and we thank you for your service. Now it's time for us to serve you. To give military job seekers the opportunity to network with Iowa employers, we are excited to invite you to participate in the Home Base Iowa Military Online Career Fair **Wednesday, March 9**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., hosted by DirectEmployers Association, the National Association of State Workforce Agencies and the State of Iowa. During this free event, you will have the opportunity to engage with recruiters from various Iowa employers looking to hire veterans, transitioning service members and their families in quick, text-based chat conversations - all from the comfort of your home, office, smartphone or tablet. ([Registration Link](#))

Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA and SGT Paul Fisher Scholarships

The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is now accepting applications for NDIA and SGT Paul Fisher scholarships for academic year 2016-2017. Value of each scholarship is \$2,000. Applications may

be downloaded from the front page of the chapter's web site, www.ndia-ia-il.org. Eligibility requirements are shown on the first page of the application. Applications must be postmarked by midnight **March 24**. Questions should be directed to the scholarship chair, John Masengarb, 563-650-3252.

Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Scholarship Applications

Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Scholarship Applications are now available. Applications can be picked up at the Arsenal Attic Thirft Shop, Bldg. 60 basement; or the Education Center, Bldg. 56. You can also [access the applications online here](#). The applications list the specific eligibility requirements for applicants. Please note that all RIA active duty military, civilians, and contractors, and all of their dependents, are eligible to apply, as well as those who regularly volunteer on the Arsenal. Please email RIAWC Scholarship Chair Nicole Kirschmann at RIAWCScholarships@yahoo.com with any questions.

Area Schools to Visit RIA

The [Army Continuing Education Systems Rock Island Arsenal](#) is coordinating with Quad-City area schools to have them visit with eligible Ed Center patrons where they will meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities. These visits will take place in Bldg. 56, Room 121, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The schedule for this fiscal year is: • Ashford University, **March 17**, and **June 16**; • Black Hawk College, **April 14**, and **July 14**; • Eastern Iowa Community College, **March 3**, **April 7**, **May 5**, **June 2**, and **July 7**; • Kaplan University, **Feb. 18**, **May 19**, and **Aug. 18**; • Saint Ambrose University, **April 21**, and **July 21**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **April 28**, and **July 28**; • University of Dubuque, **May 26**, and **Aug. 11**; and • Upper Iowa University, **March 10**, and **June 9**. Meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities.



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

Arsenal Archive



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

Change to Hours at Rock Island Arsenal Museum

Effective **Monday, Feb. 15**, the hours of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum to change: the museum will be open to the public Tuesday - Friday, Noon to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed weekends, Mondays, federal holidays, the day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. The change to hours comes as a result of Army wide changes in manpower and force structure. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is the Army's second oldest museum. It first opened to the public on July 4, 1905. The primary mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island. By focusing on "People, Processes, and Products," the exhibits tell the story of the people involved in Arsenal Island's history, the manufacturing processes used at Rock Island Arsenal, and the military equipment that was produced at Rock Island Arsenal. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is nationally recognized for its large and impressive small arms collection. More than 1,200 U.S., foreign, civilian, and military small arms are on permanent display.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Feb. 8-14

Construction of the second phase of Project REARM began in February 1986.

Healthbeat



Zika Virus

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus closely related to yellow fever, dengue, and West Nile viruses. Discovered in Uganda in 1947, the current outbreak of Zika virus in Brazil began in early 2015 and has spread to over 20 other countries in the Americas, including Mexico and Puerto Rico. Although only 20 percent of people infected will have symptoms, the virus has been associated with an increased risk of Guillain-Barr Syndrome, a neurological disorder, and microcephaly, a birth defect characterized by smaller than normal head size. As a result, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a level 2 travel alert, Practice Enhanced Precautions, for areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing, recommending that all pregnant women postpone travel to these areas. The World Health Organization advised that the recent cluster of microcephaly cases and other neurologic disorders reported in Brazil constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. Army Medicine is tracking this outbreak to assess the risks to the Soldiers and their Families. All Army medical facilities have been notified of the concerns surrounding Zika infections and are prepared to assist patients who may have been infected. The DoD will assist other government agencies in developing a vaccine against Zika, new vector control agents, and improved diagnostic tests. Army Medicine will continue to educate all personnel and beneficiaries about Zika

virus and provide updates as they arise. With ongoing operations around the world, the Army continues to strive to protect the health and readiness of total force and their families. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans



New VA Education, Training Initiative Creates Pipeline to Hire Mental Health Counselors

If you are a Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor, VA needs you! As part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) recruitment plan to hire additional mental health care professionals, a new training initiative has been funded to attract Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselors (LPMHC). LPMHCs are an important aspect of the mental health treatment team and VA plans to continue to increase hiring in this profession. "By building a pipeline of highly-trained Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselors, VA will ensure that these important mental health clinicians are available to treat the Veterans we serve today and those we will serve in the future," said Dr. Robert L. Jesse, Director, VA Office of Academic Affiliations. "Through the ongoing expansion of mental health education and training programs, VA will be better positioned to attract the most qualified and skilled professionals to treat our Veterans." To support hiring efforts, VA has announced new clinical training opportunities for LPMHC students for the upcoming 2015-2016 academic year. Eighteen pre-degree internship positions were awarded to seven VA medical centers to provide clinical experiences within VA's interprofessional mental health teams. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



Feb. 18: [HAVlife Martini Shake Off](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Feb. 19: [Friday Family Night: ROOTED in AG](#) (Putnam Museum)
Feb. 21: [CBRC Chili Chase 4 Mile Run/Walk](#) (Duck Creek Park, Davenport)
Feb. 21: [Davenport Parks and Recreation 2016 Daddy Daughter Dance](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Feb. 22: [Full Snow Moon Meditation](#) (Indigo-A Creative Approach to Fitness & Wellness, Moline)
Feb. 24: [The Quad Cities Largest Career Fair](#) (iWireless Center, Moline)
Feb. 25-28: [Regional Firearms Auction](#) (Rock Island Auction Company, 7819 42nd St W, Rock Island)
Feb. 26-28: [QCCA RV/Camping Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
Feb. 27: [Havana Daydreamn' by the Quad City Parrot Head Club](#) (Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
Feb. 27: [Girl Scout Night at the Mallards](#) (iWireless Center, Moline)
Feb. 29-March 6: [4th Annual Quad Cities Restaurant Week](#) (greater Quad-City area)
March 4-6: [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
March 5: [KWQC-TV6 & Genesis 25th Annual Women's Health & Lifestyle Fair](#) (Great River Hall, RiverCenter, Davenport)
March 5: [QCMiB 5th Annual Spring Fling Craft & Vendor Show](#) (The Viking Club, Moline)
March 6: [World of Wheels Car Show 2016](#) (Car Shop Inc, Moline)
March 6: [Chicago World of Wheels Car Show](#) (Donald E Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Ill.)
March 6: [Davenport Parks and Recreation Mother Son Formal](#) (Davenport Parks and Recreation, 700 W River Dr, Davenport)
March 6-8: [Quad Cities Antique Spectacular](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)
March 10-13: [Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament](#) (iWireless Center)

March 11: [Gathering of the Clan Luncheon](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

March 11: [QuarterMania](#) (American Legion, East Moline)

March 12: [CASI's 34th Annual St. Patrick's Day 5k Race, 1 Mile Family Fun Run and the Tot Trot](#) (Downtown Davenport)

March 12: [St. Patrick's Day Grand Parade XXXI](#) (Downtown Rock Island & Downtown Davenport)

March 12: [Post St. Patrick's Day Parade Bash](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

March 12: [8th Annual Spring Crafts & More Show](#) (The Camden Centre, Milan)

March 15: [Polar Plunge Fundraiser](#) (Harris Pizza, 3903 14th Ave, Rock Island)

March 16-19: [Gathering of the Green](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

March 18: [13th Annual Henry Farnam Dinner](#) (St. Ambrose University's Rogalski Center, Davenport)

March 19: [Spring Equinox Run](#) (Credit Island Club House, Davenport)

March 19: [WQPT's Imagination Station](#) (Western Illinois University-Quad Cities, Moline)

March 20: [Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois](#) (Wick's Lake, Jumer's Casino, Rock Island)

March 26: [Easter Egg Scramble 5K Road Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)

April 1-3: [QCCA Flower and Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

April 2: [QCH3 Red Dress Run](#) (The Venue, Moline)

April 7: [Recycle the Runway 2016](#) (Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island)

April 8: [Genesis Cancer Care Institute & Gilda's Club Quad Cities Presents 7th Annual Intimate Conversations fundraiser](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

April 11: [18th Annual In-Fisherman Swap Meet](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)

April 15: [QCMiB Quarter Auction](#) (Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Rock Island)

April 16: [PFA Tower Climb and Zip Lining Adventure](#) (YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln)

April 16: [Gilda's Run for Laughs](#) (The District)

April 23: [Bandits Race to Home 5K](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)

April 23: [Gilda's Run for Laughs & Roseannadana Dash](#) (The District of Rock Island)

April 23: [Moline Kiwanis "Fling into Spring" Bags Tournament](#) (Historic Lot by Bad Boyz, Moline)

April 23: [VRIF's Be Victorious Fashion Show](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

April 30: [35th Annual CBRC 24 Hour Run](#) (North Scott High School Track, Eldridge, Iowa)

April 30: [Steve's Old Time Tap Spring Chaser](#) (223 17th Street, Downtown Rock Island)

April 30: [Rock Island Conservation Club's Community Yard Sale/Flea Market](#) (Rock Island Conservation Club, 2421 Big Island Pkwy, Milan)

May 1: [MIP Arts & Crafts Fair](#) (Eriksen Chevrolet-Buick, Milan)

May 6-7: Davenport Central High School JROTC Blue Raider Challenge (Navy Operational Support Center Rock Island)

May 7: [Village in Bloom](#) (Village of East Davenport)

May 7: [3rd Annual Cinco De Mayo Nacho Ordinary 5K](#) (Ganzo's Davenport)

May 7-8: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum)

May 8: [Quad Cities Distance Classic](#) (Augustana, Rock Island)

May 10-11: [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA, Rock Island)

May 14: [Young Life Quad Cities' 'You Were Made For This 5k' Race](#) (Ben Butterworth Parkway, Moline)

May 21: [The Wild 5, Running Wild](#) (Unity Point - Trinity, Bettendorf)

May 21: [Color the Quads 5K Run & Kids Fun Run](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)

May 21: [LiveFit with Lupus Race & Festival](#) (Pebble Creek Golf Course, LeClaire, Iowa)

May 30: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)

May 31-June 4: [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Avenue, Suite 304, Rock Island)

June 3-4: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)

June 10-11: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)

June 18: [The Micro Brew Mile and 6K Road Race](#) (5th Avenue, Moline)

June 18: [Quad Cities Triathlon 2016](#) (West Lake Park, Davenport)

June 18-26: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

June 19: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Downtown Davenport)

June 25: [Royal Ball Run For Autism](#) (Hyvee, Milan)

June 25-26: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)

June 26: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

June 26: [Hemmings Motor News Great Race - San Rafael, Calif. to Moline, Ill.](#) (Moline)

July 4: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)

July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)

July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Downtown Bettendorf)
July 14-16: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (I-80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)
July 15-17: [Radish Magazine's 2016 Yoga Fest](#) (Holiday Inn, Rock Island)
July 19-23: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (fairgrounds in East Moline)
July 29-30: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
July 30: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 2-7: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Aug. 4: [Freedom Run 5K](#) (733 15th Ave., East Moline)
Aug. 4-7: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)
Aug. 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.)
Aug. 11-13: [Tug Fest, LeClaire](#) (Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 13: [Case Creek Obstacles 5K Mud Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)
Aug. 19-20: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 20: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 26-27: [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Aug. 27: [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)
Aug. 27: [Silvis Family Run](#) (Schadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)
Sept. 3-4: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 10: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri Casino Parking Lot, Bettendorf)
Sept. 10: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 10: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 10-11: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 16-17: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park (Davenport)
Sept. 17: [Taming of the Slough](#) (Empire Park in East Moline)
Sept. 17: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park (Davenport)
Sept. 17-18: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 23-24: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds (East Moline)
Sept. 25: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Oct. 1: [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)
Oct. 2: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic](#) (Rock Island)
Oct. 7-9: [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Oct. 9: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 27: [Fright Night](#) (The District (Rock Island)
Oct. 29: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Oct. 29-30: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo (Coal Valley (Ill.)
Oct. 29: [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Nov. 12: [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle](#) (Black Hawk College (Moline)
Nov. 18-27: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 24: [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA (Davenport)

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